

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6:00 P.M., January 11, 2010

City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847

San José, CA 95113

MINUTES

- (a) **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present

Jim Bell, Chair
Amy King, Vice Chair
Carlos Babcock
Jana Zavala
Jill Boone
Paul Metz (for Bob Halem)
Jocelyn Lau
Kimberley Mladenik (arrived at 6:45pm)
Nicole Hervol
Janel Astor

Council Liaison

Councilmember Oliverio

Members of the Public

Rich Silva
John Schubert
Lisa Reuder
Martin Delson

City Staff

John Brazil, DOT

Members Absent

Marylou Avanzino

- (b) **Approve Order of Business** – The committee members agreed to hear agenda item (f)(1) immediately after item (d).
- (c) **Public Forum** – Councilmember Oliverio noted his office will be sponsoring a showing of “No Impact Man” at city hall, 6.30pm, March 15, 2009.
- (d) **Approve Minutes of November 9, 2009**
Motion: Bell moved approval of the minutes, Metz seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.
- (f) **New Business**
(1) Receive Report on General Plan Update – Mr. Brazil introduced Manuel Pineda, Acting Deputy Director of Transportation Planning & Project Delivery, Department of Transportation, City of San José. Mr. Pineda provided a presentation on the City of San José’s current project to update its General Plan. Mr. Pineda focused on the transportation element of the General Plan and changes that are being proposed to it. These included goals to reduce Drive-Alone trips and increase trips by transit, biking, and walking.

Member Mladenik arrived at 6.45pm.

(e) **Old Business**

(1) Discuss Possible FY09-10 Committee Including:

(i) Safe Routes to School – Member Zavala reported that she'd contacted Traffic Safe Communities Network and has been referred to Richard Gonzales. She will try to meet with him this month. She also is informally talking with Trace Elementary School parent teacher organization (PTO) to see if there is interest in a walking school bus. See walkingschoolbus.org. She will report back at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Brazil will ask the City of San José's School Safety Program Coordinator if there are any tasks that BPAC members could help with.

(ii) Marketing/Promotion of Bicycling & Walking – Mr. Brazil shared information on Portland's successful SmartTrips program in its Transportation Options Division. The program provides resources for residents to use public transit, car pooling, walking, and biking for transportation trips. Mr. Brazil encouraged the committee to be on the lookout for possible funding sources to create a similar program in the City of San José.

(iii) Expanding Use of Sharrows – Mr. Brazil provided a presentation on Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings or "sharrows". He explained how these pavement markings were developed, for what uses Caltrans has approved them, and for what uses the City of San José plans to use them.

(iv) Connecting Bikeways – Annual Bike Lane Work Plan - This item was deferred to the February 8, 2010 meeting.

(2) Bike Plan Update – Mr. Brazil reported that on November 17, 2009, the city council unanimously approved "Bike Plan 2020", the city's new bicycle master plan. The Bike/Ped Program is now developing implementation plans and seeking funding to implement.

(g) **Staff Report** – Mr. Brazil reported that Professor Agrawal at San José State University is looking for volunteers to help her students prepare the mass-mailing of a survey on bicycling and walking.

(h) **Member Comments** – Member Babcock noted that Professor Shoup, a world-renowned expert on parking costs, will be speaking at the City of San José on February 24, 2010. Member Hervol noted that on February 2, 2010, the University of California Berkeley Technology Transfer program will be reporting on a Pedestrian Safety Assessment conducted for the County of Santa Clara. She also noted that Burlingame will hold a March 14-16, 2010 conference on Moving Children Safely.

(i) **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 8.30 PM.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively Scheduled for February 8, 2010.